



# North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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## Curriculum & Instruction Meeting Agenda

March 7, 2016

9 AM Central Office

Attending: Anita Anderson, Dorothy Logan, Melinda McKenna, Wesley O'Brien (recording)

Guest: Jill Metz, K-12 Social Studies Coordinator

Jill Metz presented/proposed for adoption the Grade 7 Geography text *My World Geography* (Pearson, 2013). The committee unanimously approved the adoptions. Some of the text's highlights included:

- A student-friendly format in which each section begins with a personal narrative from age appropriate natives of the area of study.
- Colorful, inviting pages with easy-to-assimilate text, which avoids being overly dense.
- Inclusive areas for study (as opposed to other texts reviewed that separated areas into two volumes).
- New Textbook Proposal- Grade 7 Geography- *My World Geography* (Pearson-2013)- Jill Metz (K-12 Social Studies Coordinator) will join us for this discussion
- Field Trip Request- Clintonville School (Grade 5)- Sturbridge Village

The committee approved a Grade 5 field trip request to Sturbridge Village from Clintonville School.

- Monthly update on testing (SBAC, SAT, CMT/CAPT Science)

Melinda presented an update on testing as follows:

- Students completed SAT testing on March 2, 2016. Melinda reported that the high school did an "amazing" job administering the test and had 98% participation.
  - Although students had the option of not counting their scores, their participation was nonetheless counted in the participation figures.
  - Oddly, while the discounted scores do not attach to the student record, they nonetheless are averaged into the district tally.
- The following tests are scheduled:
  - March 14, Grade 5 CMT science
  - Week of March 14, middle school Grade 8 CMT science
  - March 17, Grade 10 CAPT science

Melinda reported the elimination of ELA performance task from SBAC. The SBAC (sans ELA) will start after April break.

Melinda informed/reminded the committee that surveys regarding Grade 5 programs are being distributed to Grade 5 teachers. Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to complete the surveys at parent-teacher conferences.

Melinda reported that she attended the Participation Forum at the Connecticut State Department of Education. A splendid time was had by all.

Meeting adjourned at (about) 10:15 am.